THE RAGTIME SOCIETY
INCORPORATED
DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION OF CLASSIC RAGTIME
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To Members Of
The Ragtime Society, Inc.

As most of you probably know, The Ragtime Society, Inc. is a non-profit organization, administered by a handful of directors who contribute their time and talent, without remuneration, for the benefit of the membership at large.

There have been times in the past, when commitments beyond the scope of ragtime, or illness to a director, have impeded production, but never has the situation been as critical as it is right now. The Board of Directors of the "Society", originally nine in number, plus additional other willing volunteers, has dwindled to a mere four people.

Over the past six months a great deal of consideration has been given to terminating the "Society" because of the staggering amount of work involved for the remaining directors. However, the appreciative response from the members relative to the contribution being made by The Ragtime Society to the "ragtime scene" negates this thought.

In order to meet the challenge, it has been necessary to totally restructure the complete organization of the "Society" which has resulted in unavoidable delays in shipment of orders, membership information and acknowledgements, and The Ragtimer mailout, etc.

We are systematically establishing order out of chaos, and respectfully request your continued patience and support at this time.

If you have renewed your membership for 1980, or are a new member for 1980, your membership card is enclosed with this letter. However, if you have neglected to renew your membership, we have enclosed a renewal form for your convenience. You can further support ragtime and the "Society" by using the additional space on the form to register a friend.

We look forward to sharing ragtime news with you again in this our eighteenth year, and hope to see many of you at our sixteenth annual "Bash" October 18, 1980.

The Board of Directors,
The Ragtime Society, Inc.
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